

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-01-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 19, 2015
Commission Meeting: January 20, 2015, 1:45 p.m.

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1:45 p.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

2:00 p.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of January 12, 2015

2. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. D2015.1.1 (Elizabeth)

On December 31, 2014, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("MDU") filed a revised tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 8th Revised Sheet No. 4) for Commission approval. Changes in the tariff reflect a change in the current Heating Zone 22. WBI Energy has informed MDU that two new heating zones have been added to WBI Energy's system (Zone 221 and 222) that were previously part of Zone 22. Probable Motion: Move to Approve MDU's request to add Heating Zone 221 and Heating Zone 222.

3. Black Hills Power D2014.12.98 (Scott)

On December 15, 2014, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on December 18, 2014. Requests for hearing were due by January 16, 2015. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$199,302 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable Motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

4. Bayside Disposal, Inc. TN2624 (Brenda)

Bayside Disposal, Inc. dba Disposal Service of Montana, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9412 to City of Cut Bank, a Municipal Entity, Cut Bank, Montana for a one year period January 18, 2015 to January 18, 2016. Probable Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 9412.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste, between all points and places within the city of Cut Bank, Montana and an eleven (11) mile radius thereof. Carrier is authorized to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2014.11.91 – CenturyLink QC – CenturyLink QC Service Quality – Act on CenturyLink QC’s Motion for Protective Order. (1/20/15)
2. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 – NorthWestern Energy – 2012-2013 / 2013-2014 Electricity Supply Trackers – Discuss and act on NorthWestern’s Motion for Protective Order. (1/20/15)
3. D2014.12.96 – NorthWestern Energy – 2015 Tax Tracker - Discuss and act on final order. (1/20/15)
4. D2014.7.60 – Cut Bank Gas Company – Application for Annual True-Up of Gas Cost and Request to Refund Over-Collected Gas Costs – Discuss and act on whether to grant Cut Bank Gas Company’s application for annual true-up of gas cost and request to refund over-collected gas costs. (1/20/15)
5. Placeholder - T-14.26.PCN – Big Sky Taxi – Application for Public Convenience and Necessity Certificate – Discuss and act on possible pre-hearing motions, update Commission on status of hearing. (1/20/15)
6. D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 (Consolidated) D2014.6.53, D2014.8.72, and Blue Book – Delegation of Authority of Staff to Act as Examiners – Direct staff to appoint examiners for the limited purpose of disposing of discovery disputes and motions for protective order in future procedural orders and in three proceedings currently underway. (1/20/15)
7. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/20/15)
8. **1/21, 1/22, 1/23, at 8:30 a.m.** - Legislative - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/21, 1/22, 1/23, at 8:30 a.m., Bollinger Room – live webcast – not archived)

Other Meetings**1/20/15 11:00 a.m. – Commissioners' meeting with Commissioner Philip Jones of the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co D2014.9.84 & D2014.9.85 (Scott)

In this filing, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is requesting authorization to continue to accumulate the under and over collection of the PSC and MCC taxes, and not file revised electric or natural gas service tariffs to reflect the increase in the Company's rates due to a change in the corresponding tax rates. Montana-Dakota is requesting Commission approval to defer implementation and accrue for later collection the change in PSC and MCC tax rates to correspond with the next filing of a general rate application

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33/D2014.5.46 (Jason)

On January 7, 2015, PPL Montana, LLC (PPLM) filed a Motion for Protective Order and Affidavit of Charles S. Baker to protect as trade secret certain information to be filed in response to Data Requests MEIC-026 and MEIC-028. Specifically, PPLM seeks to protect information regarding the outage history and forced outage rates at Colstrip, including the unit at which the outage occurred, whether the outage was planned or unplanned, the duration of the outage, and the cost of the outage.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2015.1.6 - Cut Bank Gas Company - Monthly Gas Cost Rate Adjustment effective for the period January 1 through December 31, 2015

D2015.1.7 - CenturyTel of Montana Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink - CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a Centurylink and Teleport Communications America, LLC – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement – Unbundled Network Elements